



Re: FEC Complaint MUR 6779
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Hi again,

First, I wanted to confirm that you were able to download the video file I sent for "Dreams From My Real Father." It was uploaded to <http://www.adrive.com/public/T4Yr4K/DFMRF.mp4>. If it is necessary to send it again via another format, I will do so; I want to ensure that the complaint file includes the film itself.

Second, I thought I should draw your attention to a recent interview Joel Gilbert gave, regarding an upcoming film of his, wherein he discussed his impressions of FEC regulations as they pertain to his work. The interview is at <http://www.wnd.com/2014/06/iv-station-rejects-ad-for-anti-obama-film/>, and the following is what I consider to be the most relevant excerpt:

"I am a media entity, a producer of documentary films, and I'm not subject to any FEC regulations," Gilbert insisted in an interview with WND.

Gilbert argued that for FEC rules to apply, the film must advocate for a candidate in an upcoming political race.

"My film focuses on President Barack Obama's progressive political philosophy, and Barack Obama under the 22nd Amendment cannot run for re-election as president," he said. "Nobody mentioned or featured in my documentary is running for election this year."

Gilbert said his budget for television and radio advertising in Denver totals nearly \$50,000.

I don't know if FEC regulations will apply to this new film or not, though I question his argument that he's exempt because he doesn't name any current candidates, given that the opening sentence of the article explicitly states that his documentary "seeks to demonstrate the fallacy and grave consequences of the progressive ideology embraced by President Obama and the Democratic Party." The website he created for his film, <http://www.theresnoplacelikeutopia.com/>, similarly identifies the target of the film as being "Progressives".

Perhaps this new film of his might merit FEC attention in the future, but what really caught my attention here was Mr. Gilbert publicly claiming that he is not subject to FEC regulations AT ALL, even though he is currently in the midst of an FEC complaint regarding his previous film.

Of more direct relevance to the substance of my original complaint, the article near the end reiterates how the mass-mailing of Gilbert's DVD was explicitly directed at households in the 2012 electoral swing states:

During the 2012 presidential campaign, WND reported Gilbert distributed millions of copies of his "Dreams from My Real Father" to households in key swing-states in an attempt to bypass an establishment media blackout of his message.

This is, of course, relevant because it demonstrates how Mr. Gilbert's express purpose in mailing those hundreds-of-thousands of DVDs was to affect the outcome of the Presidential race. If his interests had truly been non-partisan, then there would have been no rational reason to mail it to only states whose electoral votes were uncertain.

Thank you,
Loren Collins

On Fri, Jun 20, 2014 at 12:12 PM, Loren Collins <lorencollins@gmail.com> wrote:
Mr. Jordan,

Thanks. Before I procure and mail a flash drive, though, I thought I'd test simply uploading the file online. The full film is now available at this link:

<http://www.adrive.com/public/T4Yr4K/DFMRF.mp4>

No passwords or permissions are necessary. If you cannot download the digital file from that link, let me know, and I will proceed with mailing the digital file.

Yours,
Loren Collins

On Tue, Jun 10, 2014 at 4:41 PM, <jjordan@fec.gov> wrote:
Mr. Collins:

Thank you for responding. After speaking to our IT department and consulting some other staff members, we would appreciate, if possible, a flash drive copy of the digital media you have. The flash drive may hold up better in shipment. Alternatively, since you have the digital content, you could resend the content on 2 or 3 DVDs to our office.

Please let me know if I can provide you with any assistance.

Regards,

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From: Loren Collins <lorencollins@gmail.com>
To: jjordan@fec.gov, kcollins@fec.gov,
Date: 06/09/2014 04:36 PM
Subject: Re: FEC Complaint MUR 6779.

Mr. Jordan,

I am in receipt of your letter of May 29, 2014, stating that the DVD of "Dreams From My Real Father" that I mailed to you was not viewable or capable of being copied due to scratches on the disc.

Fortunately, I was able to both view and copy the disc before I mailed it, so I am in possession of a MPEG-4 video file of the film in its entirety. The file's size is 1.45 GB, which is too large to be attached to an email, but it could

easily be transferred via Dropbox or a similar application.

I could also burn the file onto another disc and mail another physical DVD, but given that the first disc was seemingly damaged in transit, utilizing an electronic transfer ensures both the delivery of the file, and also eliminates the need for you to copy the disc to digital yourself.

Please let me know how best I can deliver this video file to you.

Yours,
Loren Collins

On Fri, May 23, 2014 at 12:51 PM, <kcollins@fec.gov> wrote:
Hi!

We have received the transcript of the DVD, a copy of the DVD and Exhibit 29 from the original complaint.

Have a nice weekend,

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Date: 05/22/2014 12:19 PM
Subject: Re: FEC Complaint MUR 6779

Hi again,

I'm writing to ask if you can confirm for me that 1) the mailed DVD of "Dreams From My Real Father", 2) the emailed transcript of the film, and 3) the emailed supplemental commentary about the film, have all been received and added as supplemental documentation to the filed complaint.

Since my attempt to share a digital copy of the film apparently failed back in February, I'd like to confirm now that these items were successfully received, rather than to discover months from now that there was some problem with them that I was unaware of.

Thank you,
Loren Collins

On Wed, May 14, 2014 at 2:55 PM, Loren Collins <lorencollins@gmail.com> wrote:
Mr. Jordan and Ms. Collins,

Attached to this email are two supplements to Complaint MUR 6779. One is a transcript of the film Dreams From My Real Father. Included at the start of each 'Chapter' of the transcript is a timestamp for the associated point in the film.

The second is a short memo I've prepared addressing several aspects of the film itself, which I believe may be relevant to your review. The last and longest section of the memo discusses some of the many, many outright fictions and conspiracy theories that the film promotes as being true.

Also, according to the USPS tracking number, the DVD I mailed was delivered today.

Yours,
Loren Collins

On Fri, May 9, 2014 at 3:55 PM, <jjordan@fec.gov> wrote:
Mr. Collins:

If you would like to produce a transcript of the DVD it will be added to the file as a supplement to the complaint.

Thank you,

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From: Loren Collins <lorencollins@gmail.com>
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Subject: Re: FEC Complaint MUR 6779

Ms. Collins and Mr. Jordan,

I accidentally sent the previous email before finishing it. As I said, I have mailed you a copy of the Dreams From My Real Father DVD. I was fortunate enough to find not merely *any* DVD copy of the film, but specifically one of the (millions) of DVDs that were part of Mr. Gilbert's unsolicited mass-mailing. Attached to my previous email are scans of the cardboard sleeve that the DVD was mailed in.

I have mailed the DVD via USPS, protected with corrugated cardboard and with 'DVD enclosed' marked on both sides. The USPS tracking number is 9500 1000 1555 4129 0001 15.

I also began preparing a transcript of the film, believing that having a written account of the film's audio content might be beneficial to the complaint process. However, it occurred to me that the FEC might do that itself, making my transcript unnecessary. Would it be superfluous for me to continue transcribing the film, or is that not something that would be done by your department?

Also, as noted in my cover letter, I have a new mailing address: Loren Collins, P.O. Box 191022, Atlanta, GA 31119.

Thank you,
Loren Collins

On Fri, May 9, 2014 at 2:32 PM, Loren Collins <lorencollins@gmail.com> wrote:

Ms. Collins,

I have obtained and now mailed a DVD of Dreams From My Real Father to your office, addressed to your attention.

On Wed, Apr 30, 2014 at 12:25 PM, <kcollins@fec.gov> wrote:

Thank you for the quick response. You can address it to me or Jeff Jordan. The case number is MUR 6779. You should have received the attached letter back in February. Please let me know if there is a better address for you than the one we used.

Also, please make sure to mark the envelope "DVD Enclosed" if using the US Postal Service, DVDs don't always survive the special processing for Government mail.

Take care,

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From: Loren Collins <lorencollins@gmail.com>
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Date: 04/30/2014 11:58 AM
Subject: Re: Missing Exhibit from FEC Complaint

Thank you for the update. I have now purchased a copy of the DVD online, and it should be delivered to me in approximately one week.

When it arrives, I will forward it to the FEC as a supplement to my complaint. When I forward it, should I address it to your attention or to someone else's? Also, has my complaint been assigned a file number that I can include in the mailing, to ensure that the DVD will be associated with the proper file?

Thank you,
Loren Collins

On Wed, Apr 30, 2014 at 9:12 AM, <kcollins@fec.gov> wrote:
Good morning!

Sorry for the delay in responding to you about the link to the DVD, unfortunately we could not get the link to work. If you would like to provide a copy of the DVD it will be added to the file as a supplement to the complaint.

Sincerely,

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From: Loren Collins <lorencollins@gmail.com>
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Date: 04/28/2014 04:28 PM
Subject: Re: Missing Exhibit from FEC Complaint

Ms. Collins,

Attached is a PDF of the Daily Mail article that was intended as Exhibit 29. I apologize for the oversight.

Relatedly, on February 14, I sent an email that included a link to an online streaming copy of "Dreams From My Real Father." I would appreciate it if you could confirm for me that that email was received, and that the film was able to be watched and downloaded. Because if a full-length copy of the film is **not** already in your possession and part of the complaint file, I would like to procure a DVD copy and supplement my filing as soon as possible with the DVD.

Yours,
Loren Collins

On Mon, Apr 28, 2014 at 3:49 PM, <kcollins@fec.gov> wrote:
Good afternoon,

It was recently discovered that Exhibit #29 is missing from the complaint , numbered MUR 6779, you submitted against Joel Gilbert dated February 5, 2014.
Can you please provide a copy of Exhibit #29 referenced at line 44? For your convenience the exhibit can be sent via e-mail or facsimile at 202-219-3923.

Thank you,

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